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FOLLOWING REPEAT LISBON 6333 ACTION SECSTATE DATED OCT 28.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 6333

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DEPT PLEASE ALSO PASS AMCONSUL LUANDA FOR INFO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PO
SUBJ: PORTUGUESE ARMS IN ANGOLA

REF: (A) STATE 246921; (B) LUANDA 1619

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN AND I CALLED ON MINISTER OF COOPERATION VITOR CRESPO OCTOBER 27. SINCE CRESPO HAS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANGOLAN DECOLONIZATION I ASKED IF HE WAS THE PROPER MAN TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF ARMS WITHDRAWAL. HE SAID HE WAS AND INDICATED HE WAS AWARE OF OQR PREVIOUS DEMARCHES.

2. LOWENSTEIN AND I MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A). I REMINDED CRESPO OF COMMITMENTS WE HAD BEEN GIVEN BY BOTH
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PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER THAT EVERY POSSIBLE ACTION

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WOULD BE TAKEN TO WITHDRAW EQUIPMENT OR NEUTRALIZE IT. CRESPO REAFFIRMED THAT GOP HAD TAKEN A FORMAL DECISION THAT IT WOULD NOT LEAVE BEHIND ANY EQUIPMENT THAT "WOULD CHANGE THE BALANCE IN THE WAR THAT WAS PRESENTLY GOING ON." SOME EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER, WAS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE. HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTING:
(A) RIFLES. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF RIFLES LEFT IN ARMORIES NOT CONTROLLED BY THE GOP. HOWEVER THE BOLTS HAD BEEN REMOVED.
(B) AIRCRAFT. APPROXIMATELY 50 SMALL AIRCRAFT WOULD BE LEFT BEHIND. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE NOT USEFUL FOR PURPOSES OF WAR. THEIR ONLY CONCEIVABLE USE WOULD BE FOR OBSERVATION. RIGHT NOW THEY WERE UNSERVICEABLE, BUT GOP COULD NOT SAY THEY COULD NEVER BE FLOWN. WITH AN OVERHAUL THEY COULD BE MADE SERVICEABLE, BUT THERE WAS NO CAPACITY IN ANGOLA TO OVERHAUL THEM. HENCE GOP DID NOT THINK LEAVING THEM BEHIND WOULD AFFECT THE TIDE OF BATTLE.
(C) ARTILLERY: ALL ARTILLERY WOULD BE REMOVED. THE GOP HAS THE CAPACITY TO DO THIS. IF IT DOES TURN OUT TO BE NECESSARY TO LEAVE ANYTHING BEHIND IT WILL BE RENDERED UN-SERVICEABLE.
(D) AMMUNITION. ALL AMMUNITION IS EITHER BEING DESTROYED OR DROPPED INTO THE SEA.
(E) VESSELS. THE GOP HAD FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RE-MOVE SOME SMALL SHIPS WHICH WERE NOT IN SEAWORTHY CONDITION. FIVE OF THESE OF LESS THAN 350 TONS WERE IN OPERATION. THE LARGEST GUNS THEY HAVE ARE 20 MILLIMETERS, AND SHIPS ARE SUFFICIENT ONLY FOR COASTAL PATROL PURPOSES. THESE SHIPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT RUNS THE MERCHANT MARINE SERVICE.

3. I ASKED IF TURNING THE SHIPS OVER TO THE MERCHANT MARINE SERVICE WAS NOT THE EQUIVALENT OF TURNING THEM OVER TO THE MPLA. CRESPO REPLIED THAT THEY HAD THOUGHT OF PUTTING ONE SHIP IN EACH HARBOR. WE HAD TO RECOGNIZE THAT THESE WERE VERY SMALL SHIPS, THAT WOULD NOT BE OF MILITARY VALUE. LOWENSTEIN SAID THEY COULD BE OF VALUE IN TRANSPORTING TROOPS. CRESPO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME CAPACITY IN THIS AREA BUT IT WOULD BE NEGLIGIBLE FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW. WHEN WE PRESSED HIM AGAIN ON RENDERING THEM UNSERVICEABLE,
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HE ARGUED THAT THEY WERE IN SUCH BAD CONDITION THAT THEY WERE IN EFFECT UNSERVICEABLE RIGHT NOW. HE RETURNED TO GOP POLICY OF NOT LEAVING BEHIND ANY MATERIEL THAT WOULD INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE STRUGGLE AND SAID THESE SHIPS ARE SO SMALL AND IN SUCH CONDITION THAT LEAVING THEM BEHIND DOES NOT VIOLATE THEIR POLICY.

4. SINCE WE PUSHED CRESPO VERY HARD AND HE CONTINUED TO

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INSIST THAT THE SHIPS WERE OF NEGLIGPBLE IMPORTANCE I TOLD
HIM I WOULD REPORT THIS TO MY GOVERNMENT. I SUGGEST OUR
CONSUL GENERAL IN ANGOLA ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MORE DETAILS ON
THE NATURE OF THE SHIPS AND ASSESS THEIR MILITARY IMPORTANCE.
I NOTE THAT CRESPO CONTINUED TO TALK ABOUT FIVE SHIPS RATHER
THAN THE 25 MENTIONED BY CARDOSO (REFTEL (B)).
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